

# STATE BOARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Minutes of June 10, 2008  
Department of Human Services  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
1:00 pm

## Attended:

### Board Members:

Dr. Michael Crookston, Chair  
Dr. James Ashworth  
Jolene Meredith  
Lou Callister

Nora Stephens  
Darryl Wagner  
Excused:  
Paula Bell, Vice Chair

### Staff:

Mark Payne  
Ron Stromberg  
Brent Kelsey

Dallas Earnshaw  
Jan Fryer

### Guests:

Sherri Wittwer

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Crookston opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.	
Approval of April 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes		Nora B moved that the April 8 <sup>th</sup> minutes be approved as written. Motion seconded by Lou and approved unanimously.
UBHN Report	Adam Trupp was unable to attend the meeting; however, Mark Payne reported that Harold Morrill, who retired in June as the Executive Director of Weber Human Services, has been hired for three to six months as a consultant to UBHN. Harold will assist in sorting out various issues and determining the skills and abilities necessary in hiring a permanent director for the UBHN organization.	FYI.
Utah State Hospital (USH) Report	<p>Dallas Earnshaw provided an update on activities at the Utah State Hospital (USH). Progress has been made with the nursing shortage and other staffing issues at the USH. Nursing vacancies have decreased from the high twenties to twelve, and two to three weekly interviews are being conducted. All doctor positions are currently filled, however, there have been a couple of psychologists resign due to pay issues. Dallas mentioned the new USH DVD that was developed as an educational program for patients, family, employees, treatment providers and the community and reported that the DVD is now on the USH Website and has resulted in a lot of positive feedback.</p> <p>The USH continues to respond to their recent Legislative Audit. Relative to the forensic issues, the USH is now billing counties for those individuals found competent to proceed who are waiting at the USH versus being transferred out. Counties have responded quickly and have moved four people out and continue to work with the USH to keep those timeframes minimal. The waiting list on the Forensic Unit has decreased significantly, and it is expected that within the next month or so, it will drop to below ten. The USH has developed a strategic plan to implement the consultant's recommendations regarding findings with clinical issues, and Committees have been organized throughout the Hospital to begin implementing the recommendations. The auditors will visit return to the Hospital in September to review the progress made in implementing the recommendations.</p> <p>The USH will present at the Legislative Interim Committee meeting next week on the pediatric issues that impact the USH relative to the MS Building and the request for the building. A bid has been awarded to a company to begin construction on the building in order to keep it open and operating.</p>	FYI.

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State Hospital Report (continued)	<p>The new museum at the USH should be completed by the end of July and invitations will be sent out to visit the museum. The museum is located in the old superintendent's house and captures the history of the USH.</p> <p>The USH is in the process of closeout for the end of FY2008 and will realize a surplus. Efficiency studies are being done at the USH, and minor changes will be made to become more efficient in the operation of the USH in order save money wherever possible.</p>	
Board Membership	<p>Mark Payne informed the Board that the terms for Dr. Crookston, Nora B and Joleen expire on September 1, 2008. Background information was provided on the Board of Substance Abuse and Mental Health that was newly established on September 1, 2002 following the merger of the two Divisions in July of 2002. Original appointments for all members of the new Board were made effective September 1, 2002 and terms were staggered. There was a lengthy discussion and Board members raised several questions relative to appointments and reappointments, filling unexpired terms, statute clarifications, membership requirements, political diversity, By-laws, etc.</p>	<p>The Board requested that Division staff get clarification on the questions and issues raised by the Board before proceeding with recommendations for new Board members. This will then be discussed further at the August 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.</p>
Alcopops Funding Update	<p>Brent Kelsey provided the Board with an update on the Alcopops funding received during the last legislative session as a result of the passage of Senate Bill #211, Alcoholic Beverage Amendments. Brent noted that Alcopops are now being referred to as malted beverages. The legislation placed malted beverages under the control of the State of Utah and these items are now sold through liquor stores, rather than in retail establishments. It is projected that this will raise a considerable amount of money in the state general fund because the state will now be selling these items. The Division is currently developing a plan for the allocation of this new funding to the local substance abuse authorities.</p>	FYI.
Update on Federal CSAT Site Visit to Utah	<p>Brent Kelsey distributed copies of the Executive Summary received from the Federal Review Team that visited Utah the week of March 3, 2008 to review the Division and the system in terms of the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant requirements. Brent reported that overall, the report was very positive and reviewed the contents with the Board which described what the Review Team looked at, their findings, and their recommendations. Brent referred to the section of the document in which the team identified specific areas that the Federal Government would be willing to provide technical assistance. Brent reported that the Team requested that the Division prioritize the issues identified. He mentioned that the formula for distribution of substance abuse funds to the local substance abuse authorities was one of the issues identified and will likely be prioritized as the number one area to receive technical assistance.</p>	FYI.
Fee Schedule Update	<p>Brent Kelsey updated the Board on issues with the fee schedule. He noted that the issues originated with some of the stakeholders in the system expressing concerns to the Division about the inequities in fees that clients were being assessed by various local authorities. He distributed a draft document developed by the Committee that was created to articulate the principals by which fees should be assessed to clients. He reported that the draft list of principles will be presented to UBHN at their June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for discussion and feedback. Once the document has been finalized, it will be brought back to the Board to determine which of the agreed upon principles are not currently in rule and a revision to the administrative rule governing client fees would then be considered. Mark Payne added that although the questions initially raised related to substance abuse, that the principles apply to mental health as well and should be looked at with that perspective.</p>	<p>Brent indicated that the final document should be ready to present to the Board at their August 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting or at least an update provided on the progress.</p>

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Utah State Hospital Privatization Issues	Mark Payne reported that the meeting initially scheduled with Senators' Bramble and Killpack, to include Sherri Wittwer, Lisa-Michele Church and the Disability Law Center to discuss issues with privatizing the Utah State Hospital was canceled. Mark deferred to Lou Callister who reported that upon arriving at the meeting, they were informed that it had been canceled and rescheduled to Interim Day on Wednesday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> , at 11:00 am; however, suggested that the Division confirm this meeting time. Lou reported that he spoke with Senator Bramble and that he expressed an interest in hearing from the State Board and Division leadership. Lou emphasized that the recent Legislative Audit of the State Hospital did not result in any negative issues or findings at the State Hospital, but rather indicated that it is one of the best State Hospitals in the country and reflects no reason to privatize. Lou indicated that it is his intent to attend the June 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting and voice his input and concerns.	FYI.
2009 Substance Abuse Conference	Mark Payne reported that he and Brent Kelsey recently met with the Executive Director and Program Manager of NADACC (National Alcohol & Drug Abuse Coordinating Council). Mark indicated that their annual national conference is scheduled in Salt Lake in 2009, and they are interested in partnering with the Division's Annual Substance Abuse Conference. Mark reported that NADACC is a reputable national organization with chapters in every state, and that Utah would greatly benefit from this opportunity. Dates are not yet finalized, however, August or September are being proposed.	FYI.
Upcoming Conference Dates	The following upcoming conferences were announced: September 26: NAMI State Conference, Utah Cultural Celebration Center October 1-3: Substance Abuse Fall Conference, Davis Conference Center November 13-14: Critical Issues Facing Children and Adolescents, Salt Lake Hilton Additional information on registration and program content for these conferences can be found on the Division's website at <a href="http://www.dsamh.utah.gov">www.dsamh.utah.gov</a> .	FYI.
Adjournment		Lou moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Dr. Ashworth and approved unanimously.